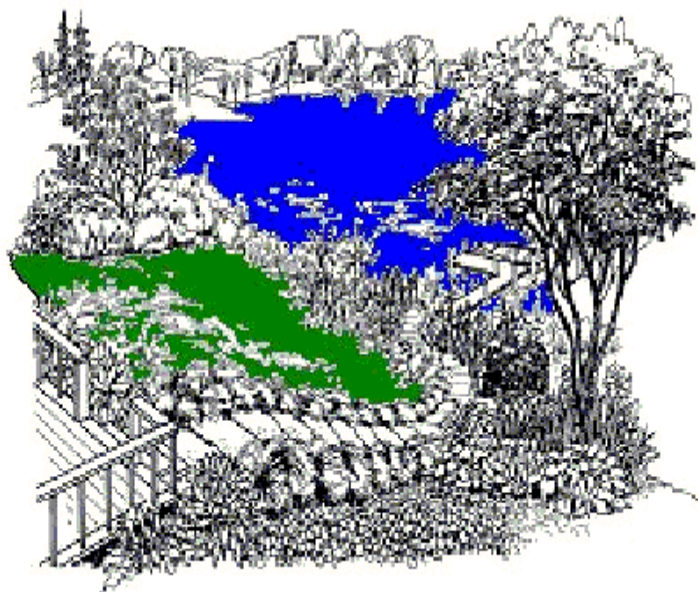


Use Phosphorus-free Fertilizer

LAWNS GREEN, LAKES CLEAN



Research shows that rain washes phosphorus from fertilized lawns into lakes. Since 50% of Maine drains to a lake, we must help protect lakes from phosphorus pollution. *Just one pound of phosphorus can produce 10,000 pounds of lake weeds and algae!*



Most soils in Maine have enough phosphorus to keep a lawn healthy. An application of lime will make that phosphorus more available to your lawn.

Help Stop Phosphorus Pollution in Lakes

Use phosphorus-free fertilizer!

Phosphorus is junk food for algae (microscopic plants). Too much algae turns lakes green, leaving unsightly, smelly scum and killing the cold water fish (trout, salmon, etc.). Green lakes discourage recreational use, lower property values and depress local economies. Once there is too much phosphorus in a lake it is very expensive to remove it.



A new lawn may need a small amount of phosphorus to help root development. Do a soil test to see if your lawn needs phosphorus. Soil test kits are available at University of Maine Cooperative Extension Offices, by calling 207-581-3591, and on the web <http://anlab.umesci.maine.edu>.



Clean water starts with you!



For more information: call 207-287-3901,
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